recommended for the integration or merger of major companies of Petroleum Sector namely Indian Oil Corporation, Gas Authority of India Limited and Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any decision, so far, for curtailing the unnecessary expenditure by integrating the said companies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for not taking such a decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Assessment on demand of LPG

†2384. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment about the annual demand of LPG in the country;

(b) if so, what is its estimated demand in the current year;

(c) what is the demand for LPG in industry and domestic sector, separately; and

(d) the prices at which LPG is being sold by Government in the above sectors alongwith the estimated manufacturing cost (economic cost) of LPG?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) The estimated total LPG demand to be met through PSU Oil Marketing Companies in the Country for both domestic and non-domestic use for the year 1999-2000 is about 5856 TMT.

(d) The ex-storage point price of LPG (Packed domestic) sold by PSU Oil Companies under administered pricing mechanism is currently Rs. 8732.87 per MT. The price for LPG bulk supplied to industrial customers is fixed on import parity prices.

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